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Report Highlights:

This weekly report contains data on rice prices in the U.S., Thailand and the EU. It also lists current import duties and export subsidies in the EU. All information will be published as such in the weekly USDA publication "Rice Market News".

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COMMISSION AWARDS UNDER OPEN MARKET EXPORT TENDERS

Due to holiday, there was not a grain committee meeting March 28.

(1) LOWEST OFFERING PRICES BASIS C&F ARAG (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

(A) WHOLE LONG-GRAIN

	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk	Bulk
UNITED STATES:		
2 Milled 4 pct *	187.38	8.50
2 Brown 4/73 pct	186.28	8.45
Medium Milled 2/4 *	207.22	9.40
1 Brown parb 4/88 **	209.43	9.50

^{*} F.A.S. basis

^{**} While nominal price quotes are for 1 BROWN PARB 4/88, these quotes in reality refer to rice that meets all U.S. No.1 requirements except for one or two categories. Current and historical trade practice is for rice shipped to the EU to be graded only as No.2 and to be further processed upon arrival.

	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk-Rotterdam	Bulk
THAILAND:		
Parb LZ 4-88%	235.00 C&F	10.66
Loonzain 100% B	220.00 C&F	9.98
A1 Super	178.00 C&F	8.07
Fragrant LZ Super	280.00 C&F	12.70
Fragrant LZ Supreme	295.00 C&F	13.38

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	EUR/MT	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
	Bulk	Bulk	Bulk
EUROPEAN UNION			
Milled LG 5 Pct	485	422.19	19.15
Milled LG parboiled 5 Pct	555	483.13	21.92

(2) IMPORT LEVIES ARE CHANGED SINCE 3/27/02

	EUR/MT	EUR/MT	US\$/MT	US\$/MT
		ACP	General	ACP
Brown RG+MG Regul + Parb	255.63	85.13	222.53	74.11
Brown LG Regul + Parb	264.00	88.06	229.81	76.66
Milled RG Regul + Parb	416.00	133.21	362.13	115.96
Milled MG + LG Regul + Parb	416.00	133.21	362.13	115.96
Brokens	128.00	41.18	111.42	35.85

EURO/US\$ exchange rate 3/29/02= 0.8705

3) EXPORT SUBSIDIES ON RICE, effective 3/21/2002

The issue of export licenses with advance fixing of the refund is suspended, except for a quantity of 600 MT.

	EUR/MT	US\$/MT
Brown RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)	159.00	138.41
Semi-milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)	159.00	138.41
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Livigno and Campione d'Italia (R01)	199.00	173.23
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations R02 (see below)	193.00	168.01
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations R03 (see below)	198.00	172.36
Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to Hungary (Destination 064)	167.00	145.37

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Milled RG+MG+LG Reg, RG+MG+LG Parb, to destinations mentioned in Art.	193.00	168.01
34 of amended Comm. Reg. 3665/87 (Supplies to international organization		
established in the EU, supplies to armed forces etc.) (Destination A97)		

<u>R01</u>: Switzerland, Liechtenstein, communes of Livigno and Campione d'Italia

R02: Morocco, Algeria, Tunesia, Malta, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Ex-Spanish Sahara, Cyprus, Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Yemen, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, West Bank/Gaza Strip, Estonia, latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Slovakia, Norway, Faroe Island, Iceland, Russia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Yugoslavia, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Albania, Romania, Bulgaria, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan.

R03: Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, Venezuela, Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Cuba, Bermuda, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong SAR, A40, A11 except Suriname, Guyana and Madagascar.